

10 McCARREN SAYS HE IS NO REBEL

Brooklyn Senator Reiterates His Allegiance to "Boss" McLaughlin and to the Democratic Party in Kings County.

ADMITS HE OPPOSED COLER.

This Was Only Before the Nomination, He Declares, and He Insists that He Is Not a Candidate for the State Leadership.

Senator P. H. McCarren made a statement to the public this afternoon. He denies any quarrel with David B. Hill, makes fresh declaration of his allegiance to "Boss" McLaughlin, and delivers himself of a few caustic comments. He says: "I have no desire nor am I trying to supplant ex-Gov. Hill as State leader. The fact that my name has been mentioned as a Democratic candidate for United States Senator should not be considered as an indication of an effort on my part to wrest the leadership from him.

"For many years I have followed Mr. McLaughlin as the leader of the Democratic party in this County. At all times I have fought for him and on several occasions when his leadership was threatened and strong inducements offered to desert him, I remained loyal to him, and am still.

"Before the last State Convention I opposed the nomination of ex-Comptroller Coler, believing that he could not be elected. I advocated the nomination of Judge Parker because the party seemed to almost unanimously demand it.

"I am jealous of my reputation for regularity. I have been derided for it and roundly abused for my wholehearted devotion to the party edicts. Notwithstanding I shall always accept the verdict of a Democratic convention and support the candidate whoever he may be.

LOW TURNS DOWN PLEA FOR CROKER

Refuses to See a Committee of Business Men or Receive a Petition on Behalf of the Fire Chief.

STOPPED AT OFFICE DOOR.

A committee of uptown business men who had called at the City Hall to present a petition in behalf of Fire Chief Croker were to-day "turned down" at the office of the Mayor. They left, indignant, declaring that the treatment accorded them was anything but courteous. The Mayor refused to see the committee and then declined to receive from its members a petition which had been carefully prepared and signed by more than a hundred New York business and hotel men.

The committee included Milton Roblee, proprietor of the Bartholdi Hotel; R. J. Horner & Co., Geo. W. Sweeney, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel; H. P. Whitaker, of the Hotel Netherlands; Morgan Ross, of the Imperial Hotel, and Bailey Lloyd, representing Lord & Taylor. When these gentlemen reached the City Hall they were kept waiting in the corridor. The Mayor was apprised of their presence. He sent a messenger post haste to the office of the Corporation Counsel. A few minutes later Assistant Corporation Counsel John C. Clarke was closeted with the Mayor.

The Mayor told Mr. Clarke that he would not receive the committee, as the matter in which its members was interested was one wholly at the disposal of the Fire Commissioner. Mr. Clarke went out into the corridor and informed the committee.

Lawyer Edward B. La Feta, who accompanied the committee, then asked that Mr. Clarke receive the petition and present it to the Mayor.

"No," said Mr. Clarke, "the Mayor does not feel that he should appear at all in the matter. In accepting your petition or receiving you as a committee urging the retention of Chief Croker he would be taking a part in proceedings which as yet are undetermined."

"We can bring you a petition signed by a hundred thousand persons in New York City who will attest that Chief Croker is the best fireman ever employed by the city," exclaimed Mr. La Feta. "Shall a petition of such portent be ignored? The Mayor is the city's Chief Executive and we came to him naturally hoping that justice may prevail."

"Yes, I know all that," said Mr. Clarke, "and so does the Mayor. He reads the newspapers carefully enough, but he feels that he should not interfere one way or the other."

While the committee was in the corridor, former Fire Captain James G. O'Hara, who is declared to be responsible in a measure for the charges preferred against Chief Croker, appeared and sent his card to the Mayor. He was shown to a chair in the anteroom and was later admitted to the Mayor's private room.

Mr. Roblee, Chairman of the committee, upon leaving the City Hall said: "This is an outrageous act of discourtesy on the part of the Mayor. He refused to see the committee, some of whom helped to elect him."

TEN KILLED BY WALLS.

Four men were killed by the collapse of a building. FALL RIVER, Mass., Nov. 17.—A building at Globe Village, a suburb of the place, collapsed this morning and ten men were buried in the ruins.

Four men have already been taken out, one of them is dead and the other three are seriously hurt.

Several fire departments are working to clear the ruins for the others, and all have been killed.

SALOONS LOOTED AT PISTOL POINT

Four Robbers Fire a Shot in First Place, but Are Frightened Away by Approach of Men from Above.

GET \$4 IN SECOND PLACE.

Three Are Captured in Room with Two Girls and Held for Trial, While the Fourth Is Likely to Be Caught Soon.

Four men held up the people in two saloons on the lower west side, shortly before 2 o'clock this morning, in true Western style, firing off their revolvers and robbing one of the bartenders. While one man did the actual robbing, the others stationed themselves at the doorways and kept watch.

In Jefferson Market Court the men were held in \$5,000 bail on one charge, and in \$2,000 on another.

The first saloon entered was that of John Boscher, at No. 179 West Houston street. The men are well known there, and when they asked for a drink it was refused. Three of them immediately went to the front and side doors and held the fourth there. The fourth demanded money from the bartender, who was the only man in the place, and emphasized his demand by firing a shot into the ceiling.

The bartender, thoroughly frightened, was just getting ready to hand over the cash in the register when a party of men from a clubroom upstairs, who had heard the shot, came running down. The robbers hurried away after telling the bartender to "give them away" they would return and kill him.

The men then went to the saloon of Patrick Fallon, No. 22 Bedford street. There were several customers in the saloon and they were ordered out at pistol point. The bartender was ordered to remain. After the room had been cleared the robbers drew revolvers and again fired into the ceiling.

The bartender, Patrick Costello, was then ordered to turn over the cash in the register and give up his gold watch. As the saloon was being closed when the robbers arrived there was only \$4 in the register. This made the robbers angry.

Costello said he thought the robbers could be found in a flat at No. 267 West Houston street. The policemen went there, and on entering the flat found three men sitting on two beds in the room fully dressed. Under the beds were two young girls. Upon searching the rooms two revolvers were found under the mattresses, one of which had two chambers discharged.

At the station house the men gave their names as George Starkey, twenty-one years, of No. 108 Charles street; Robert Kelly, twenty-two years, of No. 348 Hudson street; and John Milani, twenty-four years, of No. 409 Hudson street. The girls gave their names as Rosie Donovan and Tullie Sullivan. The Donovan girl said that she had been living with Kelly and that the men had threatened to kill them if they said anything. Both girls are about twenty years old.

POLICEMAN CAUGHT THIEF NEW WAY.

Clyons Kept Revolver Pointed at Burglar and Climbed Down Fire-Escape.

Neighbors saw a stranger entering the flat of George Walters on the second floor of the flat house at No. 773 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, this afternoon, and summoned Policeman Clyons, of the Gates avenue station. When Clyons got to the flat he found a bundle of Walters' belongings wrapped up on the floor of the parlor, but the stranger was not in sight.

The policeman locked the outside doors and searched the flat. He found his man in a closet with the door locked on the inside.

"If you open the door I'll shoot you dead," said the burglar.

Although the Latimer burglary, in which a burglar in a closet killed the man who opened the door occurred in the neighborhood, Clyons did not hesitate. He kicked the door in and out came the burglar.

The policeman was knocked down. Before he could get to the feet the burglar had reached a rear window and made a flying leap to the courtyard. He landed right side up and was half way across the yard before Clyons got to the window.

"If you take another step I'll fill you full of holes," shouted the policeman.

He had his revolver out and there was determination in his tones. The fugitive halted. Clyons climbed down the fire escape, with his back to the rungs, keeping the burglar covered all the time, and finally landed him in the station house.

Loot from other flats in the neighborhood he had robbed during the day was found in his pockets. He gave the name of George Fay and said he lived in one of the Mills Hotel.

HER DEATH SUSPICIOUS.

Ada Doremán Died While Calling Names of Man and Woman.

The death of Ada Doremán, eighteen years old, to-day in the home of her parents, No. 71 Sumpter street, Brooklyn, was reported to the Coroner with the recommendation that a police investigation be made.

Dr. Richter and Dr. Hussey, of No. 409 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, were the attending physicians and they refused to issue a burial certificate.

The young woman, who was graduated from High School two years ago, was taken sick three days ago, and since then has been unconscious most of the time. The doctors reported that her ravings the girl repeatedly mentioned the names of a man whom she knew and a midwife.

Archbishop Riordan Coming Home.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The steamer Caltia, which is to sail from Liverpool Nov. 19 for New York, will have among her passengers Archbishop Riordan, of New York.

TEN YEARS FOR BOY SWINDLER.

Judge Crane Gives Limit to Ronald F. Brennan, the Youthful Fraudulent Real Estate Operator, of Brooklyn.

GOT \$35,000 FROM ONE BANK.

From Office Boy He Became President of a Trust Company in Two Years and at 21 Had Made \$100,000 by Fraud.

Ronald F. Brennan, the "boy real estate swindler," was sentenced this morning by Judge Crane, in Brooklyn, to ten years—the limit—in the penitentiary on charges of grand larceny and forgery.

In giving the twenty-one-year-old swindler a lecture before passing sentence Judge Crane said:

"Crime is often attributable to sudden temptation, ignorance, desperate delusion or evil influences. All these should be taken into consideration by a sentencing magistrate. But in your case I find a deliberate and well-laid plan or scheme to defraud and to falsify the public records. If you were to be allowed at liberty, homes and property would vanish by the stroke of an unknown pen. I am unable to find the least mitigating circumstance in your favor."

District Attorney Clarke said, after sentence was passed, that Brennan had secured at least \$100,000 through his forgeries. It is believed that he has a large amount of this left in cash.

Brennan's operations were about as daring as any with which the banks and title companies have been made acquainted. From an office boy at \$7 a week in two years he became the President of a busy trust company of his own, having extensive offices in Brooklyn and Manhattan and doing a large business.

Brennan's plan was to search the records of the Register's office and find a valuable piece of property on which a mortgage had been filed. He would then file a "satisfaction piece" with the Register, purporting to show that the mortgage had been paid and that the title to the property was clear. To do this it was necessary for him to forge the signature of the person who had loaned the money on the property.

Then, representing himself as an agent of the man in whose name the title was being cleared, he would borrow as much as possible on the property. In one instance he secured \$25,000 from a Brooklyn bank on a piece of property worth \$100,000 and to which he had no title and did not even know the real owner.

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ALLEGED SLUGGER LAUGHS IN COURT

Perry, Charged with Killing Miss McPhee in Boston, Shows Good Humor When He Is Placed on Trial for His Life.

HE PLEADS "NOT GUILTY."

Many Witnesses Are Introduced in an Effort to Prove that He Is the Murderer of the Woman Who Was Slain with a Bar of Iron.

BOSTON, Nov. 17.—George L. O. Perry, alleged "Jack the Slugger," charged with the murder of Agnes McPhee, on Chester street, Oct. 3, in West Somerville, was held for the Grand Jury to-day.

The prisoner was the embodiment of coolness. He laughed at some joke cracked by Capt. Perry after the handcuffs had been removed.

Clerk Chapin called Perry. He said: "You are charged with the murder of Agnes McPhee, at Somerville, on the 3d day of October last. Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty," replied Perry.

There was not a tremor in his voice and he was serenely itself. Mr. Kieran, his counsel, announced that he was ready for trial.

Chief Parkhurst produced a dozen witnesses who were sworn.

Dr. Swan, medical examiner, the first witness testified that Agnes McPhee was killed Oct. 3 by repeated blows on her head. Miss Kittle O'Hara, of Somerville, identified Miss McPhee's watch sold by the prisoner. She knew it by marks made by scissors on the back and had worn it herself on several occasions.

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